

## Planning Your Professional Development

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#### Welcome

to

# Planning Your Professional Development



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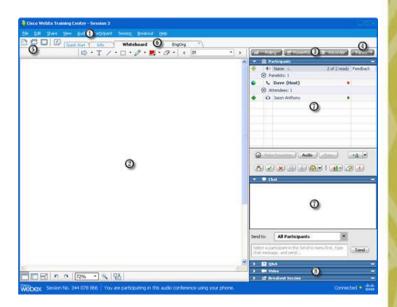


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- Submit questions to the presenter at any time using the Q & A feature.
- Share tips, resources, and ideas with other attendees using the Chat feature.
- The phone line will be open later in the presentation for Questions and Answers.



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#### Today's Agenda

- What's in Your VAD?
- Creating an Individual Development Plan
- Campus Tour
- VISTA Stories
- VISTA Top 10
- Questions

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#### **Your VAD**

#### Volunteer Mobilization

Sustainability

Curriculum development

## **Fundraising**

Community outreach

### Project Development

Public speaking

Research

Partnership development

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Event Planning

#### What's in your VAD

- What objectives and activities does your VAD include?
- What knowledge and skills will you need to accomplish them?
- Use the Individual Development Plan to record these.

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Contribute to development of fundraising campaigns, events, and public relations initiatives.



Fundraising Communications Volunteer Management



**VISTA Campus** 

National Service Knowledge Network
Volunteer Match Webinars
Coffee with our Development Director
United Way Training

- 1. Reflect on your learning goals
- 2. Identify professional development resources
- 3. Make time to grow

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The Living Allowance
Benefits
Finding Help & Support
Life after VISTA

#### **Your VISTA**

#### Connect

Share Resources
Tell Your Story
Find Support
Give & Get Advice

#### Year

#### **The Work**

Navigating Your Service Site
Building Community
Best Practices
Skills & Knowledge

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#### Life as a VISTA

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#### Life as a VISTA



#### VISTA Campus Resources

- Living Allowance
- Managing Your Year
- Finding Help

#### Webinars on

- Life After VISTA
- Living on the Living Allowance
- Using Your Education Award
- Getting the Most Out of Your Healthcare

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#### The Work

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Navigating Your Service Site
Building Community
Best Practices
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- VISTA Campus Resources
  - Fundraising
  - Communication & Marketing
  - Working with Volunteers
  - Online learning
    - VISTA Blend
    - Social Media Monday
    - Webinars for VISTAs
      - ✓ Alternative Measures of Poverty
      - ✓ Researching Grants

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#### **Connect**

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- Forums
- VISTA Map
- V is For
- Social Media
  - Meetup
  - Facebook
  - Twitter

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#### **VISTA Story**



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## VISTA Top 10

A quick guide to maximizing your VISTA service



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#### 1) Know Your Benefits

- Visit the resource board to figure out where to receive help on understanding your benefits
- Connect with your State Office if you need project support
- Get to know the member handbook
- Watch a webinar on demand or attend a live webinar on Using Your Education Award or Getting the Most Out of Your Healthcare

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#### 2) Budget for the Living Allowance

- Take the Living on the Living Allowance course
- Learn and share tips on how to save and live cheaply from the VISTA Campus forums
- Ask VISTAs and community members in your area for tips and connections
- Attend a Living on the Living Allowance webinar



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#### 3) Know the Need

- Learn about poverty in America through VISTA Campus resources and webinars
- Take a look at recent needs assessments and reports done about your community
- Learn from others in your field through face to face meetings, phone meetings, website, blogs, or social media channels
- Meet with community leaders to discuss the needs in your community and what is already being done to address it

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#### 4) Get to Know Your Organization

- Set up regular meetings with your supervisor
- Look at their strategic plan, mission, vision, and other documents that guide your organization's work
- Meet with people in various departments to learn about their role and how you can work together
- Look at work other VISTAs have done before you including their quarterly reports
- Ask to attend a board meeting or look at recent board agendas and minutes

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#### 5) Dive Into the Community

- Interview or meet with stakeholders in your community
- Attend networking events
- Ask your supervisor and co-workers about events and programs going on in your community
- Participate in community festivals, neighborhood meetings, and other important community events
- Do site visits with partners or possible partners

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#### 6) Turn Your VAD into Action

- Hang your VAD in your office or put it some place where it can be easily found
- Work with your supervisor to develop goals and objectives from your VAD
- Identify terms and activities you need to better understand
- Use the project planning and community development tools on the VISTA Campus to create a plan of action

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#### 7) Take Time to Grow

- Complete your individual development plan
- Sign up and attend a VISTA webinar or a VISTA Blend course
- Set aside time to take a VISTA Campus tutorial, read an article, or do some research
- Look for local professional development opportunities

Monthly webinars offer you a quick and easy way to get the lay of the land on a variety of topics, and point you to ways to go deeper on specific topics.

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#### 8) Document Your Success

- Create a document to track your achievements for your quarterly report and to show your progress
- Work with your supervisor to develop a system to record your work to pass on to other VISTAs
- Take a look at the capacity building resources on the VISTA Campus to start ensuring sustainability



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#### 9) Communicate about VISTA

- Create and practice your elevator speech
- Add the VISTA logo to your business cards and signature
- Talk to your site about adding VISTA to your website, social media outreach, or other communications
- Decorate your space with VISTA gear or publications
- Participate in the V is For Campaign

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#### 10) Get Connected

- Create your Campus profile
- Follow VISTA on Facebook and Twitter
- Post a question or respond to a thread on the VISTA forum
- Arrange a MeetUp with VISTAs in your area
- Find alumni and other VISTA members in your community with the VISTA map



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#### **Getting Help**

- Search the Campus
- Use the VISTA Resource Board
- Contact Your State Office
- Ask Your Peers



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## Questions?



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#### **Evaluation**

Please take a few moments to share your feedback. What else would be helpful to learn about the Campus? How can we improve these sessions?

Thank you very much for your time and participation!

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## THANK YOU for your participation!

If you have further questions or for more information, contact us: VISTAwebinars@cns.gov

#### **Upcoming Webinar**

Visit the Ongoing Learning page on the VISTA Campus for a complete schedule of VISTA webshops

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